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FOR SISCO FROM HOUGHTON

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1. LEBANESE ARMY (KANAAN) ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY
AS THREE HUNDRED VEHICLES, INCLUDING TROOP CARRIERS,
HAVE CROSSED FROM SYRIA INTO LEBANON UNDER COVER OF
DARKNESS SINCE ABOUT 1630 Z. NUMBER OF TROOPS UNKNOWN
BUT APPEARS BE OVER 1,000, PROBABLY FROM YARMUK BRIGADE.
ARMY UNABLE DETERMINE WHAT WEAPONS THEY HAVE WITH
THEM OR WHETHER THERE MAY BE SOME ARMORED VEHICLES.

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2. KANAAN TOLD US AT 1945 Z THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING GOING ON BETWEEN LEBANESE ARMY UNITS (NOT RPT NOT LARGE IN AREA) AND FEDAYEEN AND NEW ARRIVALS IN REGION EXTENDING FROM BELOW BEIRUT- DAMASCUS HIGHWAY (DAR AL ACHAR TO YANTA TO AITA EL FAKHAR) TO SOUTHERN ARKUB (RACHAYA AL FOUKHAR).

3. ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFO ON YARMUK BRIGADE AVAILABLE FROM DIA AND CIA. OUR REDUCED FILES DO NOT CONTAIN THIS INFO.

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